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LETTER DATED 13 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ARMENIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the note presented today by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this statement as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alexander ARZOUMANIAN
Permanent Representative

Annex

Note dated 13 January 1994 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic

[Original: Russian]

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia deems it necessary to state the following to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic.

On 13 January, this year, at 7 a.m., military units of the Azerbaijani side with a strength of two motor rifle companies, reinforced with armoured infantry fighting vehicles and artillery, crossed the Armenia-Nakhichevan border from the village of Gyaramachatakh in the direction of the village of Bartsruni and penetrated a distance of 1 kilometre into the territory of the Republic of Armenia, engaging in military action against units of the Armenian Army.

All of this is taking place at a time when the world community, in the person of international organizations and individual countries, is making efforts aimed at the settlement of the Karabakh-Azerbaijan conflict and establishing good-neighbourly relations between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

The Baku authorities bear direct responsibility for this new round of escalation in the region, as well as for those which took place earlier, and for involving the Republic of Armenia in a wide-scale armed conflict between the two republics. Moreover, such a flagrant act of aggression against a sovereign State could lead to an unprecedented and extremely dangerous internationalization of the conflict.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia registers with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Azerbaijani Republic a strong protest against this act of aggression by Azerbaijani armed forces against the Republic of Armenia. The Azerbaijani side bears full responsibility for the consequences.